

## Bible 11/12: Dating & Marriage

The road to marriage starts long before you are even aware of it.

### Steps

1. **Discovery** (awareness)—this starts right after puberty
2. **Exploration** (dating)—who am I interested in
3. **Learning** (courtship)—could this be the one
4. **Realization** (engagement)—this is the one--here we go
5. **Sharing** (marriage/family)—blast off

### *Step One—Discovery (awareness)*

Genesis 1:27--So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female he created them**.

Key point—God made males and females to be **different** and he did it on purpose. They are different...

1. **Biology**—from the point of conception
2. **Anatomy**—men will not get pregnant, give birth, or nurse children
3. **Hormones**—aggression or nurture?
4. Brain
  - Men and women **think** differently.
  - Men and women **communicate** differently.
5. **Strength** and **endurance**—on average, women are only **80%** as strong as men of the same weight

### Men

1. Men get their sense of self from **achievement**. They're wired to be **self-reliant**.
2. Men are very **linear** in their thinking; they focus on **one** thing at a time.
3. Men tend to focus on a **goal**.
4. Men tend to be **competitive**.
5. Men tend to bond **shoulder** to **shoulder**.
6. Men are primarily **action** oriented.

### Women

1. Women get their sense of self from **relationships**.
2. Women are usually **multi-taskers**, able to juggle several things at once.
3. Women tend to enjoy the **process**.
4. Women tend to be **cooperative**.
5. Women tend to bond **face** to **face**.
6. Women are primarily **verbal**.